

Applicants note that pending claim 35 depends from claim 34. However, to amend claim 27 to substantially include the same requirements as amended claims 1 and 23, Applicants did not include the requirements of claim 34 in amended claim 27, but instead to include the requirements of claims 32, 33, and 35.

Applicants submit that these amendments include the allowable subject matter of claim 10 and intervening claims in all the independent claims 1, 15, and 27.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter these amendments after final because they include the allowable subject matter in all the claims.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-19, 22, 24-31, 34, and 36-39 are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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